for addition to its fleet, the operation of PO buses on Delhi routes has been permitted to supplement the services of DTC. As far as the question of reduction in road accidents involving PO buses is concerned, besides rquirement of certificates of road worthiness of buses, the enforcement authorities have been taking steps to inculcate a sense of road discipline through educative measures such as distribution of road safety literature, special programmes on radio and T.V. and by strict enforcement of regulations through challaning of offenders of over-speeding rash driving violating traffic signals, etc.

Proposal to increase the fleet of D.T.C. buses

*53. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the fleet of Delhi Transport Corporation buses has not increased since 1987 in spite of the fact that the number of commuters has been rising continuously and most of the buses are overloaded;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and whether there is any proposal at present to increase the fleet of DTC; if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that most of the DTC routes tend to centralise and that the population of Delhi has proliferated and decentralised while the DTC routes have not been decentralised in that proportion; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor and the steps being taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) and (b) DTC has been every year acquiring buses both to replace the overaged buses as well as to augment its fleet. As compared to 4077 buses on 1-4-1987, DTC has as on date 4388 buses. DTC had purchased 201, 408, 475, and 300 buses during 1985-86, 1986-87, 1987 - 88 and 1988-89 respectively. Another lot of 506 buses are programmed to be purchased during the current year.

(c) and (d) Routing pattern in Delhi is influenced by radial nature of the city, concentration of office complexes and commercial complexes at certain places and uni-directional flow of traffic at fixed hours in the morning and evening. However, to cater to the needs of commuters coming from far flung areas the DTC has been either introducing new routes or extending existing routes. Further the exercise of route-rationalisation on a continuing basis is also undertaken by D.T.C.

New Doordarshan Centres

*54. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU: Will the Minister OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to set up some new Doordarshan Centres in the remaining period of the Seventh Plan;

(b) if so, what is the number of such new TV centres proposed to be established in the country; and

(c) what is the State-wise location and other details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) to (c) State/Union territory-wise locations and other details of the new Programme Production Centres and Transmitting Centres which, according to present indications, are expected to be commissioned into service during

the remaining period of the Seventh Plan, are given below:—

State/U.T.	Programme Production Centres	HPT	LPT	VLPT	Transposer
Andhra Pradesh	..	..	Bhadrachalam	..	..
Arunachal Pradesh	..	..	..	Hayuliang	..
Assam	Silchar	..	..	..	..
Bihar	Muzaffarpur	Katihar	..	..	..
Goa	Panaji	..	..	..	..
Himachal Pradesh	..	..	..	..	Solan
Karnataka	Gulbarga	..	Sandur	..	..
Madhya Pradesh	1. Bhopal		..	..	Raisen
	2. Raipur				
Manipur	Imphal	..	..	Chandel	..
Meghalaya	Shillong	..	..	..	..
Nagaland	Kohima	..	..	..	..
Pondicherry	Pondicherry	..	..	..	..
Rajasthan	..	..	Salumber	..	Jamua-Ramgarh
Tamil Nadu	..	..	Coonoor	..	Dindigul
Uttar Pradesh	..	..	Hardwar	Dharchula	..

HPT : High Power Transmitter.

LPT : Low Power Transmitter.

VLPT : Very Low Power Transmitter.

Evaluation and appraisal of Telecom. Mission

*55. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been evaluation and appraisal of the Telecom. Mission;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether there is a reconsideration with regard to the utility of this Mission in view of the need for appraisal of priorities under financial crunch facing the country?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Regular evaluation and appraisal of Telecom. Mission is being done. The progress is monitored every month internally by the Department. It is also submitted every quarter to Cabinet Sectt., Planning Commission and Ministry of Pro-